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1. USLO OFFICER TRAVELED WITH US VEGETABLES FARMING SYSTEMS DELEGATION IN AREA OF PEKING, AND SIAN AND BY TRAIN FROM SIAN TO PEKING JUNE 6-15. CHINESE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS HAS CONFIRMED 1976 GRAIN PRODUCTION OF 285 MILLION TONS.

2. WHEAT AROUND PEKING GENERALLY GOOD AND ALMOST READY FOR HARVEST. HOWEVER, NOT QUITE SO GOOD AS LAST YEAR.

3. WHEAT AROUND SIAN MOSTLY HARVESTED -- YIELDS GENERALLY GOOD. AREA IS VERY DRY BUT EVIDENTLY THERE
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HAS BEEN FAIRLY ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF IRRIGATION WATER. WHEAT KERNELS PLUMP BUT MOISTURE ABOUT 20 TO 25 PERCENT.

3. COMMUNE AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT WINTER HAD BEEN COLD AND SPRING VERY DRY THUS PRODUCTION WAS BELOW EXPECTATION. WE ESTIMATE YIELDS IN SIAN AREA TO BE THREE TO FIVE PERCENT

BELOW LAST YEAR.

5. IN SIAN AREA WHEAT LAND BEING PLOWED, SEEDED
TO CORN AND IRRIGATED. COTTON THREE TO FOUR INCHES
TALL AND GENERALLY WELL GROWN.

6. AREA BETWEEN SIAN AND LOYANG VERY DRY. MOST
WHEAT ALREADY HARVESTED. APPEARS THAT WHEAT YIELDS
WILL BE BELOW LAST YEAR BY PERHAPS 10-15 PERCENT.
BEANS AND PEANUT CROPS LOOKED DRY. NO WATER IN
RIVERS. CROP CONDITIONS IMPROVED SOME AS WE APPROACHED
LOYANG.

7. FROM LOYANG TO CHENGCHOU ALL WHEAT
HARVESTED, SPRING PLANTED CROPS, COTTON, CORN AND
SORGHUM LOOKED GOOD. AREA NOT SO DRY AS WEST
OF LOYANG. MUCH IRRIGATION IN PROGRESS. RICE BEING
TRANSPLANTED ON WHEAT LAND.

8. ALL WHEAT HARVESTED AROUND CHENGCHOU AND AREA
IMMEDIATELY TO NORTH. RICE TRANSPLANTING IN FULL
SWING ON SUITABLE WHEAT LAND. SPRING SOWN CORN, COTTON
AND SORGHUM MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. AREA SHOWED FEW
SIGNS OF DROUGHT.

9. MR. HUANG YUNG-NING, SECRETARY OF CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF
AGRICULTURE CONFIRMED THAT THE OFFICIAL FIGURE FOR
PRC GRAIN PRODUCTION IN 1976 WAS 285 MILLION TONS.
HE DID NOT GIVE DATE OF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.
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